

COW CREEK BACK COUNTRY BYWAY
KIOSK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SOUTH RIVER RESOURCE AREA
EA# OR 10-96-18

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Finding of No Significant Impact

The South Douglas Resource Area, Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management, has completed the environmental analysis on the Cow Creek Back Country Byway Kiosk sites located in T30S R6W Section 28, and T32S R6W Sections 32 and 33. One action was analyzed, the installation of a Kiosk at each site.

There were no cultural resources identified in the project areas, and it was not within the proximity of park lands, prime farm lands, or wild and scenic rivers. No wetland/riparian zones would be impacted, and no Native American religious concerns were identified during scoping. Field surveys for Special Status Plant populations were conducted and none were found. Surveys will be repeated during the potential blooming periods of any suspected plants, construction will be postponed until clearances are confirmed. Disturbed soil and fill areas that are not used as roadway or parking will be seeded with native grass species.

The installation of the Kiosks is considered a no affect on the spotted owl, peregrine falcon, and bald eagle, and consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not required. The project sites are located outside marbled murrelet habitat zone and outside Columbia white-tailed deer population centers in the Roseburg District.

There would be only minimal indirect impacts to Special Status fish species through effects on the area hydrology. These affects are anticipated to be minimal due to the amount of disturbed area (1/2 acre for each site), and mitigation through seasonal restrictions on construction, revegetation of disturbed areas, and minimal site disturbance.

Of the ten points under CEQ Regulations, section 1508.27(b), the following will not be discussed further in this document, because there are no: significant effects on public health or safety; effects on the quality of the human environment that are likely to be highly controversial; highly uncertain or unknown risks; precedents for future actions; cumulatively significant impacts; impact to elements eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and no violations of Federal, State, or local laws.

Based on the analysis of potential impacts contained in the EA, I have determined that the projects will not have significant impact on the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and an environmental impact statement is not required. The projects are in conformance with the Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) for the Roseburg District, approved by the Oregon/Washington State Director on June 2, 1995. The Aquatic Conservation Strategy will not be compromised (ROD/RMP, p. 19). The Best Management Practices (BMP's) listed in Appendix D of the ROD/RMP (p.129-130) were used to develop project design features to mitigate impacts.



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